

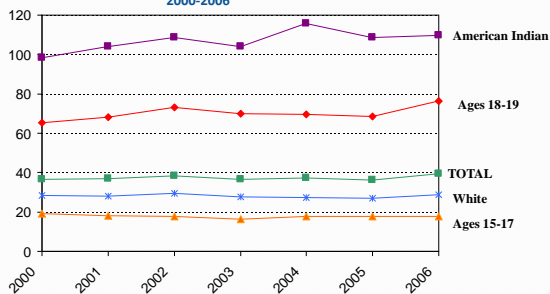
Unplanned Pregnancy and STD Prevention Strategies in Montana's American Indian Male Populations

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Objectives:

- Identify strategies for working with tribal communities to address pregnancy and STD prevention
- Describe barriers to reproductive health care as perceived by men on reservations
- Explain scope of Montana Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition

Montana Teen Birth Rate Trends
2000-2006



Source: National Center for Health Statistics

Overview of Focus Groups:

- Four focus groups held
- Men ages 18-35
- Rocky Boy Reservation
- Crow Reservation

Themes and Barriers:

- **Mistrust of the health care system and personnel**

Themes and Barriers:

- **Lack of knowledge about STDs and pregnancy**



Themes and Barriers:

- **Social patterns that include multiple sex patterns**



Themes and Barriers:

- **Lack of concern for pregnancy**



Themes and Barriers:

- **Alcohol use**

Strategies for Working with Tribal Communities

- Trust
- Promote resources
- Collaborate with Health Services
- Marketing campaign specifically for American Indian men and communities

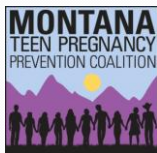
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Collaboration:

Marketing:

Montana Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition



Established in 2009 with funding from
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unintended
Pregnancy

Goals:

- TO RAISE AWARENESS AND BUILD PARTNERSHIP IN MONTANA TO ADDRESS THE STATE'S RISING TEEN AND UNPLANNED BIRTH RATES, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AND OLDER TEENS
- TO OBSERVE A 10% REDUCTION IN THE TEEN BIRTH RATE BETWEEN 2009 AND 2012

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ESTABLISHING AND SUSTAINING A STATEWIDE COALITION
- ADDRESSING TEEN PREGNANCY IN NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES
- EDUCATING COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS ON TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

Questions?

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